

## State Injury Indicators



### Hospitalizations for All Injuries

Category:	All-Injury Indicators
Demographic Group:	All residents.
Numerator:	Hospitalizations with any of the following ICD-9-CM diagnostic codes: 800–909.2, 909.4, 909.9–994.9, 995.5–995.59, 995.80–995.85 (Injury and poisoning). These should be identified by searching for diagnosis codes only in the principal diagnostic field of the injury hospital discharge subset.
Denominator:	Midyear population for the calendar year under surveillance.
Measures of Frequency:	Annual number of persons hospitalized. Annual incidence—crude and age-adjusted (standardized by the direct method to the year 2000 standard U.S. population).
Period for Case Definition:	Calendar year.
Background:	Injury is the leading cause of death and disability among children and young adults in the United States.*
Limitations of Indicator:	Injuries that result in a hospital admission represent only a portion of the overall burden of injury. Evaluations of these injuries should be considered in the context of both less-and more-severe injuries.
Data Resources:	State hospital discharge data (numerator) and population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau or suitable alternative (denominator).
Limitations of Data Resources:	The accuracy of indicators based on codes found in hospital discharge data is limited by the completeness and quality of coding.
Healthy People 2010 Objectives:	15–12: Reduce hospital emergency department visits caused by injuries 15–14: (Developmental) Reduce nonfatal unintentional injuries
CDC’s Health Protection Goals:	Healthy People in Every Stage of Life: Crosscutting Healthy People in Healthy Places: Crosscutting

\*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS) [online]. (2005) [cited 2006 Dec 7]. Available from URL: [www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars). [www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars)